(d) if so, by when such an Agency would be formed and nature of its composition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Fast food centres setup in the country both by the indigenous entrepreneurs and the MNC are licenced by the State Governments.

There is no proposal to create a special Quality Assurance Agency. Monitoring and inspection concerning quality and hygiene of fast food centres is carried out by the State Governments as per PFA Rules, 1955.

Imported food items under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

2579. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring imported food items within the ambit of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to implement the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (c) Imported food items are required to meet the standards prescribed in the Rules made under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

'Wrist Watch Incision' device for heart patients

2580. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new innovation in the field of by pass surgery has been evolved wherein 'Wrist Watch Incision' is carried on a heart patient;

(b) whether it is a blood saving device and is very convenient for the patients undergoing by pass surgery;

(c) whether this new device has been introduced on large scale in the hospitals in the country; and